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S E C R E T CAIRO 3187

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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: AEMR
SUBJECT: E AND E PLANNING

REF: STATE 207763 (NOTAL); CAIRO 3046 (NOTAL)

1. CAIRO REFTEL (OF OCTOBER 11) STATES THAT EARLIER SUCCESS OF EGYPTIAN MILITARY CAMPAIGN HAD OBVIATED NEED FOR US AS SCAPEGOAT FOR EGYPTIAN FAILURE. REFTEL CONTINUED THAT SECURITY SITUATION REGARDING RESIDENT AMERICANS IN EGYPT WOULD CHANGE IF ISRAELIS USED DEEP PENETRATION TECHNIQUES AGAINST CAIRO AREA OF CIVILIAN TARGETS IN EGYPT, OR SPECIFIC ACTIONS BY USG GAVE CAUSE FOR EGYPTIANS TO REACT MORE STRONGLY TO AMERICAN PRESENCE.

2. WE HAVE NO REASON TO ALTER THIS ESTIMATE OF WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN. WE WOULD ONLY ADD THAT AT MOMENT, IT IS NOT WIDELY KNOWN IN EGYPT JUST HOW SERIOUS ISRAELI PENETRATION TO WEST OF CANAL IS. PRESS ONLY CARRIES STORIES OF CONTINUING BATTLES AND SOME ISRAELI INFILTRATION. ANTI-US
SECRET

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TONE IN PRESS HAS PICKED UP BUT NOT ALARMINGLY SO YET, ONLY A LITTLE. OBVIOUSLY THIS
IS SOMETHING WHICH COULD CHANGE VERY RAPIDLY IF MILITARY SITUATION CONTINUES TO DETERIORATE. DEPARTMENT MUST

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REALIZE THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO JUDGE PROGRESS OF WAR
FROM CAIRO, HOWEVER, AND WE THEREFORE REQUEST THAT
DEPARTMENT PROVIDE US WITH BRIEF ESTIMATE BY NIACT
IMMEDIATE CABLE AT PERIODIC INTERVALS ON (A) DEPTH
OF ISRAELI PENETRATION AND - IF POSSIBLE - (B) ISRAELI
INTENTIONS; SPECIFICALLY, IS CAIRO THEIR OBJECTIVE?

3. WE ARE THIS MORNING INFORMING SPANISH AMBASSADOR ALABART
(WHO HAS JUST RETURNED) IN GENERAL TERMS OF EXTENT OF
ISRAELI PENETRATION AND SHALL ASK HIM TO CONTACT FOREIGN
MINISTRY ABOUT ITS VIEWS ON SITUATION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS
IN EGYPT.

4. APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE WITH KNOSSOS.
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